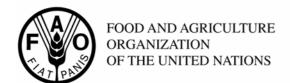
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SUBJECT: Request for comments at Step 6 of the Procedure:

Draft Standard for Instant Noodles

DEADLINE: 10 December 2003

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The 13th session of the Coordinating Committee for Asia (17-19 September 2002, Kuala Lumpur) agreed to forward the Draft Proposed Standard for Instant Noodles for adoption of the Commission at Step 5 (ALINORM 03/15 para 74). The 26th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission adopted the Draft Standard for Instant Noodles at Step 5 and advanced it to Step 6 for consideration by the Committee on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes by correspondence following the instruction by the 47th session of the Executive Committee. (ALINORM 03/41, paras 127-128, Appendix VI).

Comments are hereby requested at Step 6 on the Draft Standard for Instant Noodles, as presented in Appendices II of ALINORM 03/15. The text is available from the Codex website at the following address: ttp://ftp.fao.org/codex/alinorm03/al03_15e.pdf

Governments and international organizations wishing to provide comments should do so in writing, preferably by email, to the above addresses **before 10 December 2003**.

Note: With regard to Section 4 "Food Additives", the Coordinating Committee for Asia agreed to refer only to the GSFA. Therefore, member countries were urged to examine the GSFA to ensure that all food additives specific to Instant Noodles were listed. China, Thailand and Philippines proposed the following food additives to be added to GSFA.(ALINORM 03/15 paragraph 68-69)

China: Colours: Turmeric (E 100ii), Tartrazine (E102), Caramel (E105d), Sunset Yellow (E110), Titanium Dioxide (E171), Annatto Extract (E160b); Stabilizers: Calcium carbonate (E170); Emulsifiers: Sodium

pyrophosphate (E452); Acidity Regulators: Aluminium potassium sulphate (E522); Anticaking Agents: Silicon dioxide (E551), Tricalcium phosphate (E341).

Thailand: Antioxidants:BHA 200mg/kg; BHT 200 mg/kg; TBHQ 200mg/kg

Philippines: Potassium sorbate, total level of additive as sorbic acid shall not be more than 1000 mg/kg; Aspartame, 40 mg/kg; Carrageenan, ADI not specified